XII. Sections 69 and 70, Cattle Trespass.

A. Section 69, Cattle Trespass.

Supervision of Revenue Officers over actions taken by Forest Officers in the cases of cattle trespass.

316. The attention of the officers of the Revenue, Police and Forest Departments is drawn to the remarks in Government Resolution No. 7232, dated 12th September 1892, regarding the treatment of cases of cattle trespass on forest lands and the necessity is impressed on the Commissioners, Collectors and District Magistrates for the exercise of close and constant supervision over the proceedings of all officers subject to their authority in that and the other matters dealt with in this Resolution.*

NOTE.—The Government Resolution mentioned above deals with the exceptional severity of the Forest Officers, especially of the Deccan, in regard to cattle trespass cases and gives orders to the effect that cattle trespassing in forests, unless under aggravating circumstances, should be treated with consideration and leniency, and that cattle owners should in no case be unnecessarily punished or harassed.

Procedure to be followed in dealing with cattle trespass cases.

317. In cases of cattle trespass on forest lands, proceedings should ordinarily be taken under the Cattle Trespass Act, and whenever further proceedings against the offenders may be considered expedient, they should ordinarily be by complaint laid before a Magistrate.†

NOTE.—For procedure to be followed in impounding cattle, read sections 286 and 287 of this Chapter.

B. Section 70, Pound Fees.

Pound fees in the Thána District.

318. In lieu of the fines fixed by section 12 of the Cattle Trespass Act, the following pound fees shall be levied in the Thána District, according to powers conferred by section 70 of the Indian Forest Act, No. VII of 1878:—

For each buffalo	1 rupee.
For each horse, mare, gelding, pony, colt, filly, bull, bullock, cow or heifer	8 annas.
For each calf, ass, pig, ram, ewe, sheep, lamb, goat or kid...	4 annas.‡

Pound fees in the Nagar Táluka of the Ahmednagar District.

319. In exercise of the powers conferred by section 70 of the Indian Forest Act, No. VII of 1878, the Governor in Council is pleased to direct that in lieu of the fines fixed by section 12 of the Cattle Trespass Act, 1871, there shall be levied in the táluka of the Ahmednagar District entered in the schedule hereto annexed, in respect of animals trespassing in the Reserved Forests mentioned against the

* Government Resolution No. 7907, dated 6th October 1892.

† Government Resolutions No. 8626, dated 3rd November 1892; and No. 1355, dated 17th February 1893.

‡ Government Notification No. 4881, dated 18th July 1891, *Bombay Government Gazette*, 1891, Part I, page 615.